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LAS VEGAS—THE VIPS ARE JOINING THE PACQUIAO-MARquez II frenzy.

Speaker Prospero Nograles is already in this glitzy city, along with Senators Jinggoy Estrada and Bong Revilla and former Sen. Robert Jaworski.

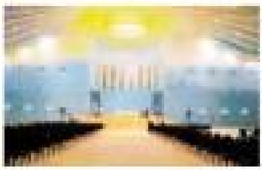


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SC junks Koko protest; it's now all up to SET

By Jerome Aning and Gil Cabacungan Jr.

THE SUPREME COURT HAS DISMISSED THE PETITION filed by opposition senatorial candidate Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III contesting the inclusion of what he said were questionable certificates of canvass (CoC) in Maguindanao in the tally of votes in the May 2007 elections.



MADRIGAL

'Jamby's mouth is faster than her brain'

Fast mouth

Love angle eyed in Olongapo slays

No suspects

PNP launches Lenten 'Oplan Bantay Lakbay'

Security checks





Trillanes slams Palace over baseline bills

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

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Independent panel

Ignore claimants' protests

Suspicious, sinister

Defend and assert

No comment from Palace

Mitra urges service-contract approach

Compromise national interest

Dangerous

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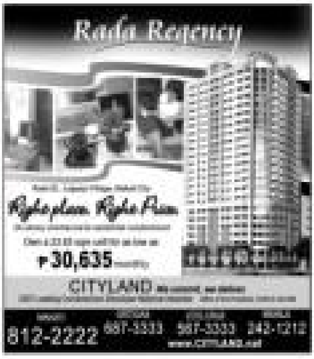
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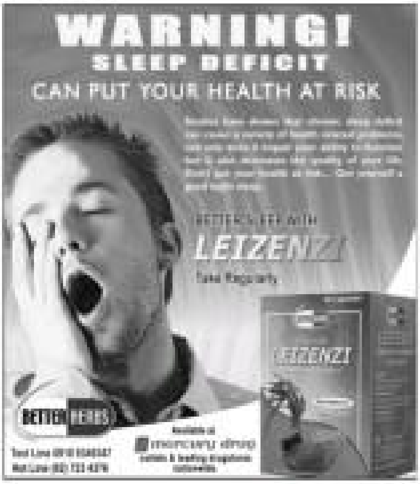
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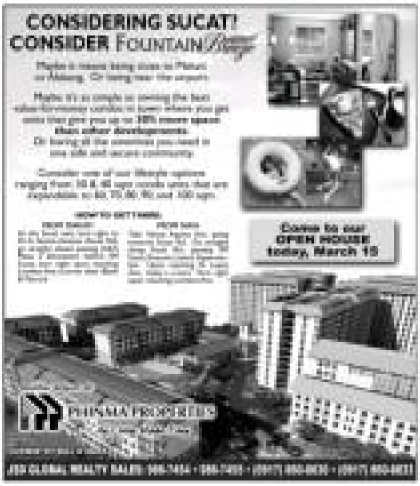
Caught flat-footed

Visits in poor areas

Ping: GMA 'hands on' in corruption cover-up









DOH still tracing source of dirty water in Calamba

By Beverly T. Natividad

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH is still determining the exact source of the contaminated water blamed for the outbreak of typhoid fever in Calamba, Laguna.

Dirty pipes

Another 'unity walk' for GMA

Transport groups press 1-ticket scheme

UP centennial yearbook out soon

Romblon province turns 107

THE DAILY GOSPEL

PAL bucks turbulence, flies to 4th China point





BOB ARUM: Aligning with admired athlete helps their [politicians'] image. Manny is very valuable to them.

Bob Arum thinks ...

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Like adulation for Ali

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Toughest foe: Himself

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Hungry again

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A new Pacquiao

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Growing financial empire

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Manny's mother no longer nervous about fight

By Aquiles Zonio
Inquirer Mindanao

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—[illegible]

God is the difference

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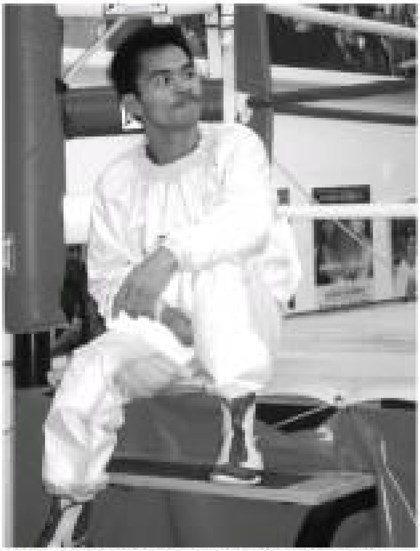
No TV for Mom

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DOWN TO HIS FIGHTING WEIGHT Sunken cheeks, deep-set eyes and chiseled face indicate the champ certainly has no weight problem this time around.

Show biz stars

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Last fight

[illegible]

Better fighter now

[illegible]

Via Vegas

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'Special Day'

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Political truce for a day

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Rallying point

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Ninoy slay convict dies of stroke in jail

Fasting as Cleansing





CONVERGENCE

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Youth protesters rock 'n' roar



SLEEPING ON THE JOB

Interfaith prayer



SHOW OF FORCE

Rock and anger

CBCP president absent

Lim's welcome

GMA foes, supporters face off in QC

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Indefatigable



Gold soars to $1,000 …

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First time

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GET REAL

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Patriotic doubts

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Children's authors, today's celebrities

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Neni Sta. Romana Cruz

Talking behind Jamby's back

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Approved and canceled

Change within

Best for country

Thinking AFP

Bishops as GMA's spokesmen?

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Snap election, is it possible?

Deserving of present leadership

Greedy cabal taking control of power sector?

SC in cahoots with Malacañang gang



Filipino is first parish priest of Qatar's 1st Catholic church

Improved climate

$15-million church

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Home for Catholics



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US lobbyists . . .

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10-year plan

Measure of success

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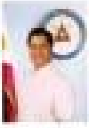
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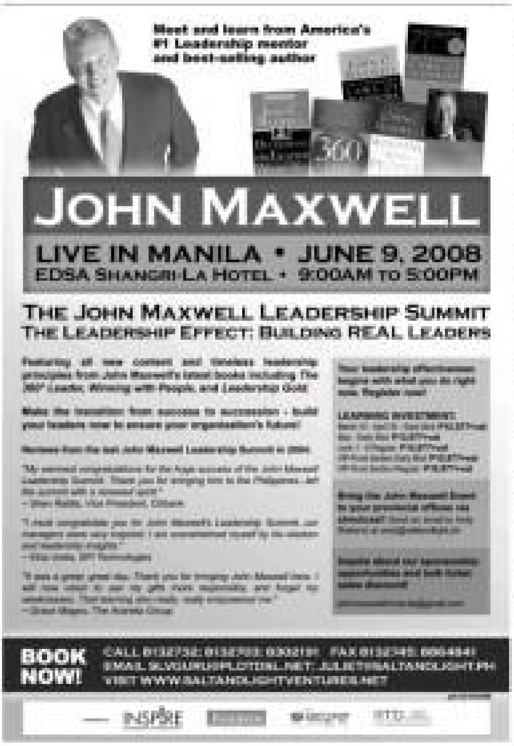


'Only our dog has not been charged by gov't'

ILOILO CITY—"ASO NA LANG PO NAMIN ANG

House OKs resolution on Japanese apology

Antigraft body quick vs water firm execs



NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATIONS FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMIT/S (AEP/S)


HOT SUMMER SPREE
Strut in style with these trendy finds for summer only at Robinsons Department Store.
Robinsons Department Store

Bayan Muna decries inaction on case vs LTO on smuggling



WHITE WATER

Radio station callers grill Abalos lawyer

Maguindanao legislators see forming of 4 new towns

NEWSBRIEFS

BACOLOD CITY

Negros Occidental governor dies

GENERAL SANTOS CITY

Dole stops expansion due to land row

DAVAO CITY

Japan grants 9 new projects to Mindanao

Group seeks donations for Bicol flood victims



US firm says Internet backbone is main need



GI 'oversleeps,' misses boat

INQUIRER Visayas

St. Therese relic puts aside Biliran rivalry



Political conflict

'Unifying factor'

Worried for young

Overwhelming response

More poor families in Eastern Visayas

Reasons

Poverty threshold



Harry Connick here for big band concert

Aplus METRO

Stude seeks halt to UP tribunal ruling

Petitioner alleges student body 'biased' by singling him out in hazing case

By Jeannette I. Andrade

A SENIOR STUDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF the Philippines (UP) is asking a Quezon City court to prevent the university Student Disciplinary Tribunal (SDT) from ruling on the alleged death by hazing last year of Cris Anthony Mendez.

Former National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG) student council president and graduating student Israel Paulo Asis, allegedly one of the last persons to see Mendez alive, has petitioned QC Regional Trial Court Branch [illegible] for certiorari and prohibition with urgent application for injunctive relief.

Mendez, another UP student, died in a Quezon City hospital Aug. 27 last year allegedly due to injuries sustained during hazing.

Asis alleged the SDT was biased against him and the other students facing similar charges. Claiming his guilt had been prejudged, the petitioner said due process was no longer available to him under the circumstances.

Asis named as respondents the UP Student Disciplinary Tribunal (SDT) and the university itself. Among other things, he claimed, he "was singled out by UP as responsible for (his) death" due to mounting pressure on the university to give justice to the dead student.

The university prosecutor filed formal charges against him for allegedly participating in the conduct of alleged hazing activities, leaving Mendez in the hospital and failing to give information to authorities, and failing to comply with the directive of the UP vice chancellor for student affairs to give information on the circumstances surrounding Mendez's death. Penalties ranged from suspension to expulsion.

Asis said that while there was no excuse or reason for taking another person's life, there was also no excuse or reason for violating the law.

Citing university rules, Asis said he was deprived of the right to a preliminary inquiry by UP SDT members. Preliminary inquiry by a university prosecutor was not valid under the revised rules on fraternity and student organizations, Asis claimed.

Asis also asked the court to declare the formal charges, as well as SDT proceedings, void and of no effect. It asked the court to order the SDT or its members who conducted the "invalid" preliminary inquiry to inhibit themselves from further hearing the case.

The petition is the second to be filed against the university, its officials, and members of the SDT. Last November, [illegible], another respondent, filed a similar petition.

DTI reports 'minimal' hike in prices of basic goods

Bomb explodes in Antipolo City



PELAEZ BOOK LAUNCH ON MARCH 17

Give Janina San Miguel a break!

On Target

Ramon Tulfo



MetroBriefs

31 women saved from alleged illegal recruiter in Manila

Navotas mayor accuses MMDA chair of deception

Diabetic family man needs financial help



Obama, Clinton square off on Florida revote

40 years on, scars of My Lai massacre remain

The unusual life of Obama's mom



Prized fish becomes latest liquid asset

The WORLD

Kidnapped Iraq archbishop found dead

BAGHDAD—THE BODY OF A CHALDEAN Catholic archbishop who was kidnapped in the northern city of Mosul last month as he drove home after afternoon Mass was discovered Thursday, buried in a southeastern area of the city.

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NYT

PROTEST VS CHINA CRACKDOWN

Tibet monks begin hunger strike

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AP

Escapee in Singapore eludes search party of 4M

By Seth Mydans

SINGAPORE—THE BIG MANhunt, officials here say, was letting the turnout suspect make a trip to the bathroom.

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NYT

Fame of NY governor call girl grows, enhancing her prospects

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UNDATED image obtained from a MySpace webpage shows a woman identified as Ashley Alexandra Dupre. AP

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AP



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Butler sparks Wizards; Nash powers Suns /A31

SPORTS

Barrera bets on Manny but roots for Marquez

'It will be more explosive; the fight will go the distance'

More Pacquiao stories on A32

LAS VEGAS—IT WAS AN accidental meeting between old foes.



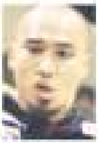
Roach sees clean fight

Bobby's US hopes hit canvass in one round

Ateneo, La Salle clash in PBA's Easter battle royale



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Fiery Medics seek 5th win vs Shoe Stars



Ikeda settles for 4th after a closing 74

Ballantine golf: Juvic 10 down

V-League upbeat despite UST withdrawal

SPORTSWATCH

75 fights in SJC derby today

Fastest-win tilt on in Makati



Calma sparks strong AUTS Racing show

COMMENTARY

Sitting on a windfall from the rematch

100 speed devils target Tiu record at BRC today

Butler sparks Wizards

Nash powers Suns; Kings whip Blazers



Sun 123, Warriors 115

Kings 96, Trail Blazers 85

Couples seizes Palmer lead; Tiger struggles

Raikkonen sets pace during practice



Strikeout ends comedian Crystal's Yankees career



Swim record raises Hall's eyebrows

SPORTS

Marquez: I'll play it smart

By Roy Luarca

LAS VEGAS—WHAT HE EARNED WITH BLOOD, Juan Manuel Marquez intends to keep with his heart.

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Fight intelligently

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Going to cost him

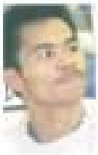
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SAY IT AGAIN! Manny Pacquiao gets a rub-down from boxer buddy and assistant trainer Bobby Fernandez.

Pacquiao hoping to be called world champion again

By Roy Luarca



CHAMP again?

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Bobby's US hopes . . .

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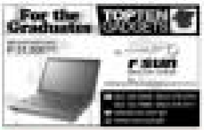
Loyola tops FVR Cup golf

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CLASS A champion Emil Loyola (right) is congratulated by the former President.

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BUSINESS

Editor Raul G. Marcelo • Assistant Editor Cumnick Narvaez



OFW remittances up 15% in Jan.

$370M in net 'hot money' flowed in Feb.

REMITTANCES FROM FILipinos working overseas rose 15 percent to $1.2 billion in January from a year ago, accelerating from the pace posted in the previous two months, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said yesterday.

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OFW/B2

INQUIRER MONITOR

Hopes up for RP tourism in 2008

(Tourist arrivals 2004-2007, in millions)



Source: Department of Tourism

CURRENCIES



PESO-DOLLAR RATE

STOCK MARKET

PSE COMPOSITE INDEX



Stocks dip on lingering fears

SHARE PRICES YESTERDAY CLOSED 1.2 PERCENT LOWER on lingering concerns about rising inflation and signs of an economic slowdown.

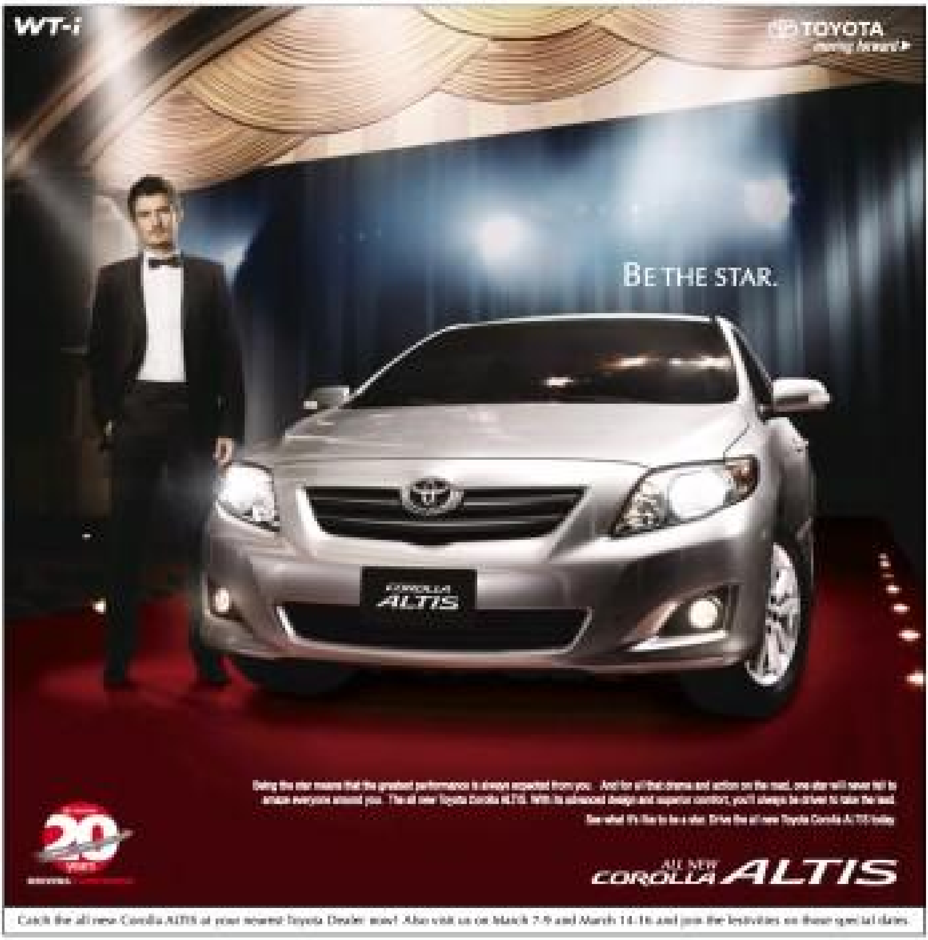
STOCKS/B3

Ashmore offer 'a vote of confidence' in Petron

By Michael Lim Ubac

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ASHMORE/B4



'08 inflation rate seen higher than gov't target

DBS says it may even hit 6%

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PLDT expects better Q1 performance

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More drillings in Palawan, Visayas eyed

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Peso strengthening hits ATI income

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Philippine Stock Exchange

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Currencies

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Banana firm to develop 760-ha estate

Mariwasa to spend ₱3M on research

Ceramic tile manufacturer says product development key to growth



UNILAB DONATES MEDICINES FOR TYPHOID OUTBREAK

GTZ extends grant to SMEs

Hong Kong airline back in country, flies to Clark

Korean educators seek to invest in Baguio

BUSINESS

Corn output surged in first quarter

Crop gets boost from higher market prices

By Amy R. Remo

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Levi Strauss closing Manila plant

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RP has just enough rice for 2 months

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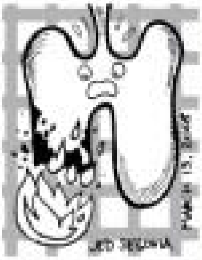
Former Petron chair joins Phoenix Phils as director

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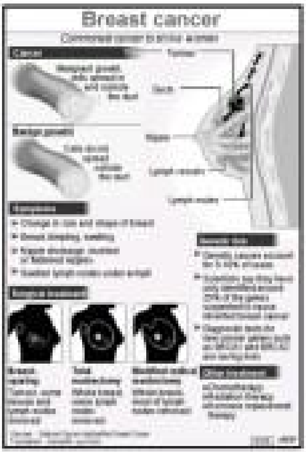


SCIENCE/HEALTH

Study shows way to predict lung cancer recurrence



DNA forensics



Eureka! Six degrees could change the world

EUREKA!



The dreaded six degrees



Sad shoppers pay more

DISCOVER



How emotions affect shopping

Turning the lights on for mental illness

By Rafael R. Castillo, MD

MEDICAL FILES

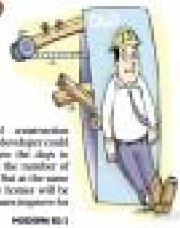
Patterns of behavior

Support group

Editor Cesar D. Mangawang

PROPERTY

Modern construction techniques a must for today's developers



By Charles E. Buban

IN THE OLDEN DAYS, HOME developers only have to mind who to partner with in terms of construction materials supply and the construction team who will build the houses.

These days, a developer has to decide on which home architecture to choose or which construction method to employ in order to save on cost and without sacrificing the quality of each house that will be turned over to the homebuyers.

"Even the units in our low-cost housing projects should come out satisfactory. Otherwise, our homebuyers will give us a bad rating that other would-be buyers will eventually learn. As a developer, we need to maintain market confidence and high regard," said [illegible] Alvarez, president and CEO of [illegible] Alvarez Properties and Development Corp.

Construction method

Alvarez said one of the best approaches to save on cost is to do something about the construction method.

"By employing updated construction methods and technologies, a developer could save on materials cost, lessen the days to build a project and even on the number of workers that will be needed. But at the same time, the high quality of the homes will be not be affected and in some cases improve for

MODERN B2-1



A Filipino fiesta at Hacienda Escudero

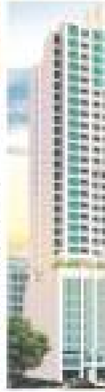
Modern-day development



Your lifestyle on exhibit at Crow







Stylish structure

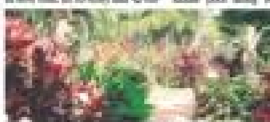
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#1 address in CBD

World-class architecture

Pampered lifestyle



Modern construction techniques . . .

Partnering with suppliers



Cement price stays for SHDA members

Eton Parkview Greenbelt: designs inspired by lofty ideals

Creating space

Additional space savers



nAsia's The Gallery



THE GALLERY boasts 27 levels of stylish architecture in the midst of Salcedo Village.



AN EXCLUSIVE, comfortable abode near the prime conveniences of the Makati central business district.

Reasonably priced

One Central



Red carpet service, features





A TYPICAL feature of the Bonifacio High Street Commercial Strip

Information Design

LIVING ARCHITECTURE



Marcus de Guzman Jr.

WHEN MY ELDEST DAUGHTER, GEE Marcus, told me she wanted to take up Information Design in Ateneo, I was filled with some degree of apprehension, brought about by my lack of exposure to this new field. However, I stepped back, supported her choice, and continue to pray for her success.

In this world of consumerism, where the advertiser can dictate the wants and standards of a huge and peaceful purchasing sector of society, it is important to deliver information in the most efficient manner. Successful product marketing relies on being able to deliver the message in the shortest possible time, with the greatest impact and lasting recall.



THE NIKE Store Building at Bonifacio High Street

One lasting tool

Currently, the most useful advertising tools are print ads, TV commercials, billboards and radio announcements. However, one lasting tool that entrepreneurs are finally beginning to explore is using building design to serve as the advertisement itself, wherein the structure can speak of the product and the enterprise within.

In information design, we find that aside from the meaning of the text itself, even the fonts they are printed in have their own distinct effect. Italics seem to connote more dynamism than regular fonts. Bold letters, obviously, emit a stronger message. Similar principles can apply in building design. Structural shape and color can give a clue to the activities housed in the building.

Furthermore, there are a limitless number of materials to choose from and each of these materials has its own subtle way of speaking the marketers' message. This selling technique is even supported by the ideas of feng shui, wherein properly designing the structure and its contents can support, encourage and promote the users and their activities.

Proper use, mix of elements

Metal translates to wealth, wood and greenery to serenity and balance, fire to passion, earth to wellness, and water to communication. The proper use and mix of some or all these elements will create the atmosphere necessary for the place. For example, modern furniture sellers will do well to house their stores in modern-looking buildings. Businesses dealing with wellness and relaxation are more credible in soothing scenarios.

The benefits to having your building advertise your product are numerous. The new breed of information designers must be consulted and made part of the building design team. Their concept for the product they are promoting must be reflected in the building. Having a single unified concept for both the product and the building will create a driving synergy that will be advantageous in promoting and marketing it.

I look forward to working with information designers, like my daughter, with their creative and insightful ideas that will certainly help define the image and vision of a company for their product and their building.

(For your comments, e-mail to marcus.deguzman@yahoo.com.)



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4 out of every 5 Pinays admit to letting go of dreams

Survey shows that young women would rather procrastinate than pursue their dreams because of lack of confidence

THE PHILIPPINES HAS PRODUCED two female presidents, world-renowned women athletes and performers, and a host of talented businesswomen and professionals who have broken through the glass ceilings of male-dominated industries.

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Self-confidence is the key

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Talk of the town

Sunsilk's innovative billboard is set to make history

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Dreamers turned doers

Be inspired by how these eight women defied the odds to turn their lives into something extraordinary

OPPORTUNITIES WAIT FOR NO ONE—not if you're busy, not if you're absent, and certainly not if you're afraid. As these women below will tell us, sometimes you just have to throw caution to the wind, follow your passions, and choose the road less taken.

Maja Salvador

"I'm just getting started."



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Heart Evangelista

"There are so many things I can do right now not just for myself but for others as well."



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Marian Rivera

"No one can tell me what I'm capable of doing or what I can accomplish except myself."



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DREAMERS / D2

Dreamers turned doers











4 out of every . . .

Take it from Madonna

A global mindset

IT'S NOT JUST THE FILIPINAS who are hesitant to take center stage. When US-based firm Saft Communications conducted a similar survey of girls in India, Thailand, Brazil, Mexico, Russia and the USA, the findings revealed that the waiting game is a global condition—a whopping 84 percent of all respondents admitted that they too often miss out on getting the things they want because they didn't have the confidence to grab hold of opportunities.

Wait no more!

Get ready to seize the day with these confidence-boosting tips

WE ALL HAVE DAYS WHEN WE FEEL TERRIBLE, insecure or even incompetent. But whether this negative self-image stems from a bad-hair day or a scathing remark from the jealous colleague, we should not let it affect our ability to get what we want out of life. These 6 tips below will help you feel motivated, energized and ready to kick some butt.

1. It's all in the package.

2. Mind your body language.

3. Learn something new.

4. Make your goals manageable.

5. Surround yourself with support.

6. Don't leave it up to fate.

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SUPER EXCLUSIVE

Super celebrity round-up



Bea Alonzo

What's the most expensive freebie you've ever received?

A watch from ... It's a Philip Stein watch.

What is the weirdest thing a fan has ever done for you?

I found it weird the first time I saw their banners. I was like, "really? Fans ako?" That was weird for me.

Do you think you're a celebrity?

No.

Why not?

I don't really see being a star. I just want to act.

By Jamie Monahan and Wengye Gallego

CELEBRITY STATUS today is exactly that: a status. One can be an overnight sensation by doing absolutely nothing and just famous for being famous. Blogs, newspaper photos and magazine features quickly elevate the everyday socialite or the guy in the next barrio to a recognizable face. However, nothing shouts celebrity more than a bunch of screaming fans, numerous endorsements and skyrocketing careers that promise for a comfortable early retirement. What better way to define celebrity than from the mouths of those who have surpassed celebrity into superstardom.



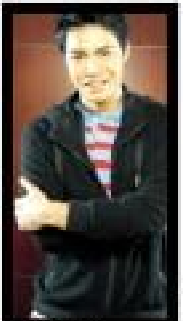
Victor Basa

What are the perks of being a celebrity?

Well, I know it sounds kind of bad, but when in lines, sometimes at the mall, they open up a cashier just for you. Other advantages? It gives you a platform where you can speak if you want to promote a charity or anything. It's also cool.

What is the most expensive freebie that you've ever received?

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Zanjoe Marudo

When did you realize you were a celebrity?

After PBB.

Weirdest thing a fan has ever done for you?

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What's the most expensive thing they've bought for you?

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Dieter Ocampo

What are the advantages of being a celebrity?

I think there are more disadvantages to being a celebrity (laughs). You know the typical trade off of being a celebrity: you lose a big portion of your privacy and I think it's inevitable. But the perks of being a celebrity, sometimes you get away with things normal people don't.

Give one example of a perk.

Getting flagged down by the police when you break the traffic rules. Normally, the police would even assist you and apologize to you. It's so absurd!



Roxanne Guinoo

What's the most expensive freebie you've ever received?

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What is the weirdest thing a fan has ever done for you?

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Kim Chiu

When there a point when you realized you were a celebrity?

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Who do you consider a celebrity?

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Jake Cuenca

Best part about being a celebrity?

Best part is probably acting and having a chance to be a role model. ...

What is the most expensive freebie you've been given?

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What's the weirdest thing a fan has ever done for you?

...



Gerald Anderson

What are the perks of being a celebrity?

A lot of people are nice to you. They give you things.

What is the most expensive thing you've ever received from your fans?

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What are the disadvantages of being a celebrity?

...



Julia Barretto

Weirdest thing na ginawa ng fan sa 'yo?

...



Rayver Cruz and Shaina Magdayao

Who is a celebrity for you?

...

What are the advantages of being famous?

...

What are the disadvantages of being famous?

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The thrill of the [celebrity] chase

By Pam Pastor



I was in New York on a mission—to track celebrities down between the hours of my official coverage. But I didn't have to—because they kind of found me

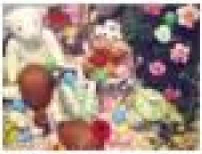
The hunt begins

Dead-end

Conan oh Conan

Where to Stop Where to Go

'Easter Wonderland', 'Easter Escape' beckon at Mandarin Oriental



2 plus 1 Lenten offers at G Hotel by Waterfront Hotel



Lenten and Easter activity line-up at InterCon



Holy Week luxury at Discovery Suites





Legend Villas' Lenten offering within the city

Holy Week promo at Best Western Astor Hotel

Sunday Easterlympics at the Century Park Hotel

Easter Animaland at The Heritage Hotel Manila

Top Plaza Hotel's cool summer treat

Madonna mania

To look as fab, you need a flair for originality, an element of surprise, and the confidence to be your own self

Madonna is not known as the Queen of Reinvention for nothing. Through the years, she has shown the world that it is possible to march to your own groove, brush aside critics and naysayers, plunge headlong into anything and everything and still come out on top. Indeed, aside from being an enduring pop icon, Madonna is also a music mogul, fashion trendsetter, philanthropist, feminist, wife, and mother.

Fashion

Hair and makeup



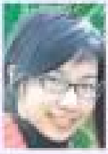
'What have you always wanted to do but keep putting off?'

Real women share their dreams—and the reasons they're not pursuing them

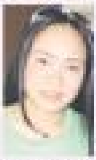
















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Where dreams came true

Sunsilk's 'Life Can't Wait' event was inspiring, empowering and downright fun!



ROSANNE Prieto, [illegible]



SOPHIE Uy, [illegible]



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WHERE ELSE CAN YOU attend a party where instead of just leaving with tokens, you go home with the opportunity to make your life's desires come true?

At Sunsilk's "Life Can't Wait" event, that's where!

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NICOLE [illegible] and Nichole Reyes



UNILEVER'S [illegible]



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Invoking Incubus



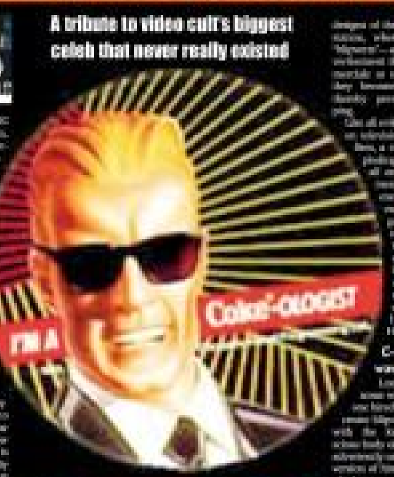
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M-m-m-mad about Max



THUNDER ROAD

A tribute to video cult's biggest celeb that never really existed





The Cokeologist

C-c-c-catch the wave

Bliperology

His rise and rise

Max-ed out

Cyberpunk transmissions

A quick compendium of wisdom wand by His Highness Headroom

Super Selects

Girls jazz wanna have fun

She's performed in castles and carwashes, for college coeds and Asian royalty, from Boston to South America. But despite her brag-worthy feats abroad, this female jazz musician returns home as a proud Pinay artist



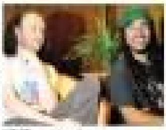
MARLENE jazz does it

All that jazz





Invoking Incubus



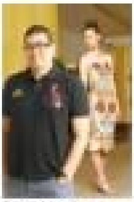


Fashion Watch Series 1: Fashion Fulfilled



The return of Fashion Watch met all expectations with the first quartet of designers that previewed their latest collections – Rhett Eala, Patrice Diaz, Gian Romano, and Cary Santiago. Metrobank Femme Visa fits well with Fashion Watch Quartet as they both recognize the strength of women and fashion. Metrobank Femme Visa was supporting Fashion Watch every step of the way in its belief of keeping every woman's desire within her fingertips. Now, with Metrobank Femme Visa and Fashion Watch, the best and the latest in Filipino fashion is within her reach.



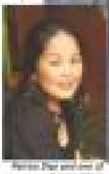


Rhett Eala and one of his fashion twins and the dresses.

For the first quartet of designers, Makati Shangri-La became the venue of the unveiling of their latest designs.

Rhett Eala started the series with a bang. Eala's show was two-fold showcasing his appealing casual sportswear, sporty chic style of colorful shirt dresses and his nationalistic nature exuded in his graphic shirt design with the Philippine map printed on the

Romance, femininity, and detail were at the forefront of Patrice Diaz's collection on the second installment of Fashion Watch which featured cocktail dresses that were in dark colors of black and plum; evening gowns which accentuated women's curves with form-fitting lines that highlight what being a woman is all about.



Patrice Diaz and one of her creations



Gian Romano and his creation

Gian Romano presented edgy, futuristic, army-inspired designs from the French Revolution.

Capping of the first quartet of Fashion Watch is Cebu's pride Cary Santiago. Cary Santiago's collection of formal wear was a picture of subtle yet awe-inspiring pieces with designs that outlined the woman's body in style.

It was definitely an eye-opening first set as the return of Fashion Watch puts style, trend, and talent into the forefront. Metrobank Femme Visa completed the afternoon by awarding the most discerning and empowered femme right after the show. The Fashion Watch Femme recipients for the first series of Fashion Watch were Audrey Tan-Zubiri, Carla Tengco, Hindy Tantoco and Dawn Zulueta-Lagdameo.



Cary Santiago and his creations

More designers to come within the year making this event a truly a highly anticipated fashion event the metro has been looking for. With Metrobank Femme Visa supporting Fashion Watch, every modern woman's fashion choices have become more and more varied and versatile. It is truly a step forward for everyone.



Metrobank Card's [illegible] with Fashion Watch Femme Ms. Dawn Zulueta-Lagdameo



Metrobank Card's [illegible] with Fashion Watch Femme Ms. Audrey Tan-Zubiri



[illegible] Metrobank Card's [illegible]



Stellar Pinoy Music

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN becoming music's next "it" thing means having the right connections. Thanks to Nokia's Independent Artist's Club, you just need to sign up and you could very well be taking your first steps to becoming the next music idol across the Asian region.

Celestial Band

[illegible]

Busy Jeans

[illegible]

Free Recording Sessions

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The Click Five in Manila

THE CLICK FIVE RETURNS TO MANILA for their first ever major concert at the Araneta Coliseum on May 30.

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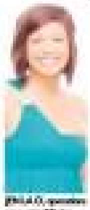




[illegible] Matute, Cay Aranas, Paolo Aranas



TWEETIE de Leon, [illegible] Aquino and [illegible]



[illegible], operations manager of Swim Philippines Corp.

Bikini in the City

By Tish Diaz

THE COLORS OF DAWN painted bronzed models strutting down the catwalk in the exclusive SWIM fashion show [illegible]

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[illegible] Valerie, [illegible] and [illegible] de Leon



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CARMEN Gonzalez [illegible]



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FROM left: [illegible]

PEEPS

Sense and Eligibility

Ulterior motive:
Lifestyle Asia's Very Eligible Party
Crime scene:
Embassy Fly
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Dress up Maria Sharapova to win the Sony Ericsson K770i




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Powering up Philippine travel

Text and Photos

THERE ARE FILIPINOS everywhere. Literally. And since we're invading almost every shore on the planet, it would only make sense to invite others to our shores right? Enter the world renowned Internationale Tourismus Borse in Berlin, better known as the ITB-Berlin. I have never been to any sort of travel fair and I was duly assured that this was probably the biggest travel fair in the world which goes on for around four days each year. After a delayed flight from Amsterdam I, along with other members of the press and the Department of

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WILKOMMEN Philippines! The Philippine booth at the ITB-Berlin





Powering up Philippine travel







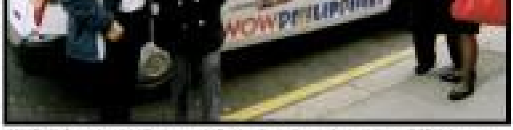






More Interest Every Year

Dive Philippines





RENEE Salud's fashion invasion



WOW Philippines booth

Davao invades Singapore

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other provinces, and this time it's Davao.

The gateway to Mindanao

Davao is one of the most liveable cities in the world. Very clean and quite safe, Davao is the pride of Mindanao. With an international airport, Davao becomes your first stop into the richness of the Southern Philippines. "Davao has everything," U-Bec Palabrah proudly states. "Mindanao culture is not just Muslim," he says and explains that there are other ethnic elements coming into play and that all of them can be witnessed here. "In Davao, there are cultural heritage spots, rest and relaxation, great distinct food, and is very strong in adventure tourism," he comments. And the sights to see, there is a combination of beaches and mountain terrain for all kinds of nature lovers.

At the opening ceremony of the NATAS Travel Fair, William Tang, President of NATAS said, "Travelers today are spoilt for choice." The NATAS was filled with booths from most Asian countries and Australia, New Zealand and even Turkey. To make a stronger impact, the DOT put together a booth that was more than eye-catching, it was interactive. Outside the fair, close partners, the Hinugyaw Dance Troupe continued its performance of native dances. They already wowed the people during the opening ceremonies and at the booth, invited people to try their hand, or dust on any their feet, at the Binaklang. Inside the booth, families could sit and talk to a representative from the many resorts that were present such as The Pearl Farm and Paradise del Sol amongst others.

At the Filipino Fine dining restaurant 7,107 Flavors, the DOT prepared the Kultura Dabaw which featured the native delicacies of Davao and a fashion show by designer Renee Salud. All throughout the NATAS fair, the DOT ensured that people were treated to a ready taste of Davao.

A tale of two cities

While Singapore is the gateway to Asia for the rest of the world, Davao is the gateway to Mindanao and all its treasures. Like Singapore, Davao is, as U-Bec Palabrah sees, "is a city of immigrants for the Philippines." People who are sick of Manila and are searching for a healthier, more liveable atmosphere, apparently go to Davao. "That's why it's so family and progressive there," expresses U-Bec. He hopes that its wonderful natural beauty coupled with the rich cultural heritage and the diversity of people would become a stronger selling point for tourists.

Today Davao and next time Bohol or Palawan or another beautiful part of the country still untapped, the DOT prepare their culinary weapons for another invasion with the hopes of luring more tourists to the shores of our country.



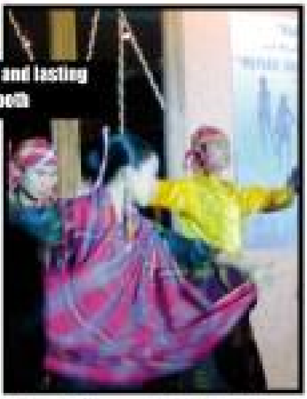
DAVAO WARRIORS: The Philippine delegation



DINING Davao style

Davao invades Singapore

At the annual NATAS Travel Fair in Singapore, the province of Davao made a huge and lasting impact through native dishes, cultural dancers, a fashion show and a kick ass booth





By Wengge Sollega

A SMALL CONTINGENT from Davao arrived in Singapore and began their invasion. They were not warriors but dancers, models, bringers of food, and members of the Philippine Tourism Board. They took the Lion City by storm.

The NATAS Travel Fair, held twice a year, is the biggest consumer travel fair in Singapore, presenting to travel agents, families and individuals the best in travel packages and destinations in the world. Last year, over 115,000 people attended both shows. This year, the Philippine Department of Tourism (DOT) made a gallant stand for Davao. Taking advantage of the new International Airport which serves direct flights from Singapore to Davao, DOT decided to bring a large chunk of Davao to the NATAS fair.

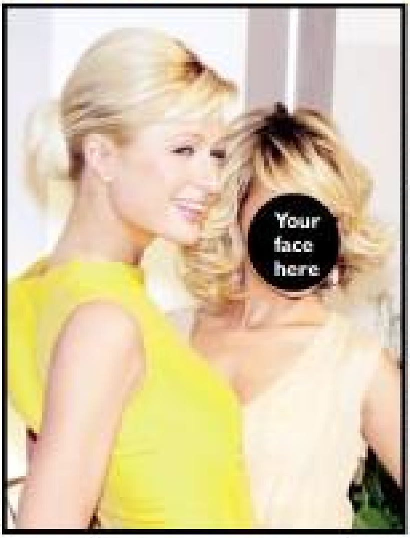
"There is a rise in the number of Singapore tourists in the Philippines," explains DOT's Undersecretary [illegible]. In fact, the Undersecretary [illegible] explains that there has been a rise of tourists in the first 3 months of the year. "It's not the dollar's [illegible] value that [illegible]," he shares. "More than shopping, the main reason why tourists go here is for our beaches, for diving, and because of our cultural heritage." Dr. Eulogio [illegible] explains that "we have a uniqueness in our culture that makes us so different from the rest of Asia. Our [illegible] makes us open to foreigners." Some places like [illegible] need, he [illegible], it's time to work on the

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Wanted: Paris' new bff



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Want to be Paris Hilton's new Nicole? Fall in line for her latest reality show

Young, beautiful, energetic heiress and part-time actress seeks potential new best friend.

If you are single, skinny, stylish, in your mid-twenties, and blonde (though not a prerequisite as this may be remedied with a lifetime supply of peroxide), the next BFF could be you!

Work hours: 20 hours, 24/7

Job description: Marathon shopping, late night partying, occasional modeling, occasional acting, must be agreeable to being stalked full-time by the paparazzi.

Benefits: Potential BFF will be showered with endless rewards including 15 minutes of Hollywood fame (which could be extended with any of the following: eating disorder rumors, sex video scandals, alcohol and drug problems, [illegible]). Invitations to exclusive parties (no need to line up behind the velvet rope ever!), designer outfits, product endorsements, movie offers, a long list of short-term boyfriends, and so much more!

Lodge in your application now!

Professional actors and single mothers need not apply.

OUT THE WINDOW

Tais Diaz

The judgment of Paris

Oh yes, let the auditioning begin. Paris Hilton is returning to reality TV, and is now in the middle of creating a show all about her search for a new best friend. See, when traditional means of acquiring such valuable 'true' friends fail, thank God there is always reality television to help one's lonely cause.

The yet-untitled show, expected to be picked up by MTV or VH1, will feature a group of aspiring young girls who will all live together in a house in LA, where they will all begin competing for the coveted role as Paris' assistant/arm accessory. The show's concept came about because ex-BFF Nicole Richie is too busy being a mother to newly born [illegible] Harlow, leaving Paris in need of a full time buddy. Usmagazine.com reports that: Paris is tired of all the haters and she's looking for someone new. She's looking for someone new and cool who she can trust.

"I'm really excited about this concept," Paris shared in an interview with In Touch magazine. "I'm going to meet a lot of great girlfriends. I never got to go to college and this will be my chance to be in a sorority and have that experience."

So what kind of girl is Paris looking for? "It'll be great to meet a girl who's not too Hollywood, who I can get along with and hang out with when the show is done," she said in a magazine interview.

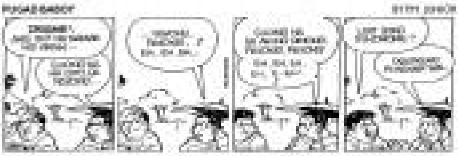
All this has the makings of a silly, one dimensional, estrogen-induced chick drama. And I have a feeling that audiences—lovers of haters—will be riveted. I predict we shall be witnessing the evolution of a new kind of specimen: the Hollywood party chick, [illegible] and matured in celebutante mania, by virtue of association. Just think, she shall be catapulted to fame not because of any kind of talent whatsoever, other than the fact that she sucked up to Paris the best.

The promise of fame after all is so powerful that it can command instant friendship. Such is the Celebutante Effect, lending a whole new meaning to "BFF"—Best Friend for Fame.

Tick tock, someone's fifteen minutes are about to begin. I can imagine the millennials' salivating already.







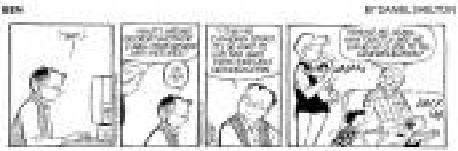




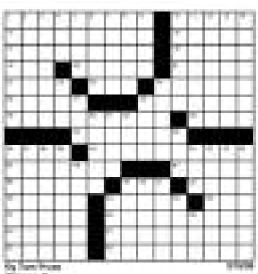


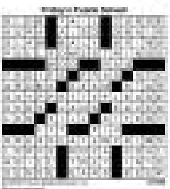






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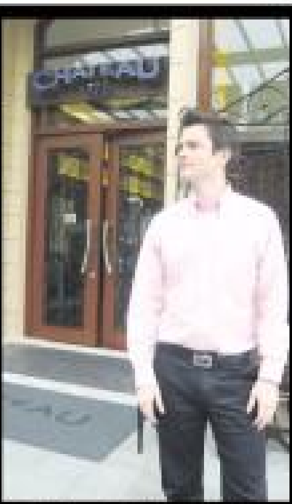
HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

It's Oli in the Mind



'I am so lucky in my life to be doing my dream job,' says Oli Pettigrew, host of the new AXN show Sony Styles. From model to TV correspondent, Oli Pettigrew sits down with Super and shares his thoughts on the coolest job in the world













Jollibee at 30:

Bringing the Filipino brand of happiness to the world




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BABY
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SM Infants' Wear Department and Baby Company invite all moms to this year's first Baby Sale. Get everything that babies and toddlers need for the coming summer season-from the all-essential accessories and furniture, to cute and comfy clothes.
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Foreign directors take on Hollywood





And then there were 12

And then there were 12

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producers decided to retain Hernandez, because it was the show's policy to focus on contestants' talents, not on what they did in the past or out of camera range.

Even "our own" Fil-Am bet, Ramiele Malubay recently got into hot water when her sexy photos ended up on the Internet, arousing the ire of people who think young singers should tread the straight and narrow in all aspects of their lives.

Glitch

Would this be the end of Ramiele's dream of becoming the first Asian-American Idol? Happily, program honchos opted to look beyond the temporary glitch, and the Fil-Am bet is deemed a contender.

This "case" is similar to that of another Fil-Am talent, Vanessa Hudgens of "High School Musical," whose career was also threatened by the unauthorized release of some of her nude photos on the Net. Vanessa, too, was forgiven, and her [illegible] the first "High School Musical" movie.

After those glitches, some people thought that, luckily, Hernandez and Malubay would have a hard time surviving the show's inexorable elimination process down to its final 12. But, lo and behold, when the smoke cleared last week, all three "controversial" contestants had made it, along with David Archuleta, Jason Castro, David Cook, Kristy Lee Cook, Chikezie Eze, Michael Johns, Syesha Mercado, Amanda Overmyer and Brooke White.

The big question now is: Who are the frontrunners in the last phase of the competition, and who will be hailed as the top winner?

Frontrunners

Barring unexpected developments, the frontrunners appear to include Johns, Archuleta, Malubay, Mercado and Overmyer.

Johns has killer looks and a singing voice to die for. Archuleta is only 17, but has gotten rave reviews from the show's judges for his "precocious maturity." Malubay has been cited for her "consistency" and Simon Cowell has hailed her as having "one of the three best voices" in the competition.

[illegible] is very experienced, and her advantage [illegible] Overmyer is the [illegible], so she should do at least as well as last year's [illegible], who ended up as one of the show's top performers—and, even better, subsequently scored a big hit as a recording artist.

The top winner? It's early days in the finals, but Archuleta looks and sounds like a champion. Adding to his appeal is his youth—at only 17, he's as old as last year's top winner, Jordin Sparks, was when she copped the title.

Will "American Idol" say "yes" to youth again this year?

A Batanes story



Street Smart

Mandy Navasero



MARISSA and Gig during our photo safari

Photo safari

Industry

Signs of wellness

Sun Dance Showdown in Cebu City

WCOPA auditions

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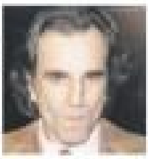
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At Metropolis Star Alabang

DreamWorks Animation chief sees 'new era' for Hollywood with 3D


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Daniel Day-Lewis deserves Best Actor Oscar


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Charlize Theron on the Oscar 'curse'



THERON: The statuesque charmer's one of Hollywood's most gifted thespians.

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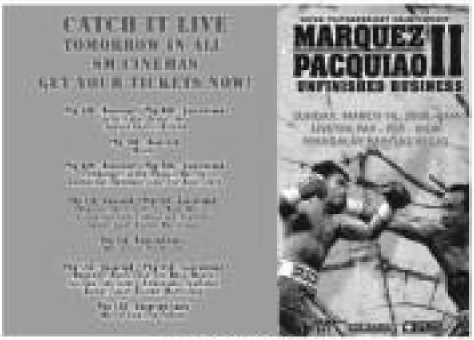


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Classic beauty

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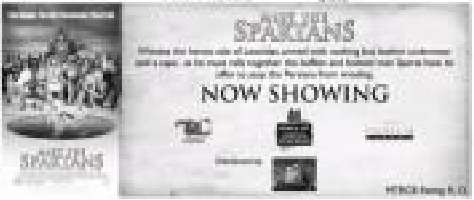
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Charlize Theron on . . .









SHOW BIZ Q AND A

Seven movies for Holy Week

By Edmund Sison

PLEASE SUGGEST MOVIES my family should watch this Lenten Season. [illegible]

Seven suggested titles for each day of the week:

1. "Jesus Christ Superstar (1973)." [illegible] ... Ted Neely ... [illegible]

2. "Oh, God! (1977)." George Burns as God. [illegible]

3. "A Man for All Seasons (1966)." It's about a government official, Thomas More, played by Paul Scofield ... [illegible]

4. "Bedazzled (1967)." [illegible] ... Brendan Fraser and Elizabeth Hurley ... [illegible] ... Peter Cook as the Devil offering Dudley Moore seven wishes in exchange for his soul ... [illegible]



"OH, GOD!" George Burns plays the Almighty in 1977 comedy.

5. "Shawshank Redemption (1994)." [illegible] ... Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman.

6. "The Verdict (1982)." Like Thomas More, Paul Newman's character is a lawyer. [illegible]

7. "Jesus of Nazareth (1977)." [illegible] ... directed by Franco Zeffirelli.

What makes Pinoys laugh?

I have often wondered what makes Pinoys laugh. [illegible] —[illegible], Project 8, Quezon City

[illegible]



NEPOMUCENO: [illegible]



"JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR." [illegible]

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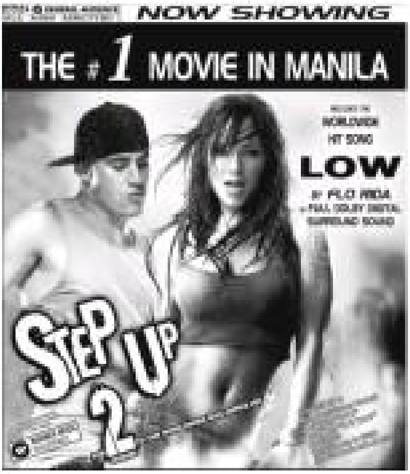
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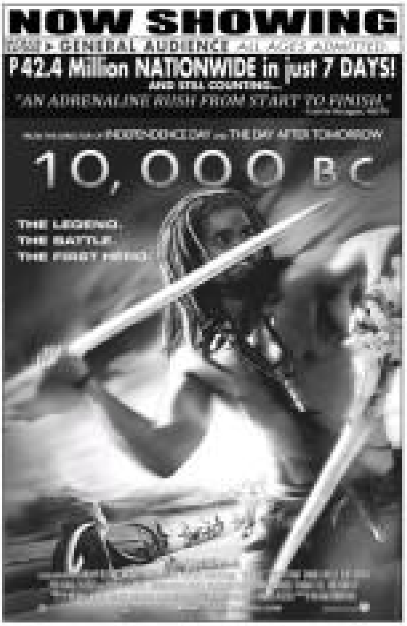
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'Atonement' uses art as tool for healing







I remember 'Battle of Algiers'



Historic event



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OSMOND, THEN AND NOW. As popular as ever.

Donny Osmond reclaims fame with new movie, TV show

LOS ANGELES—DONNY Osmond has defied the odds of many child stars whose careers went from red-hot to has-been before age 21, and now he seems as popular as ever with a new movie and a cohosting job on a celebrity TV show.

The singer told Reuters he also has plans for a Las Vegas show with sister Marie Osmond later this year. When he appeared on the red carpet at last week's Oscars with his wife of 30 years, Debbie, the fans went crazy.

Boyish enthusiasm

Most are now middle-aged women who grew up swooning when a teenage Osmond sang hits like "Puppy Love," but Osmond, who turned 50 years old in December, seems as youthful as ever with a boyish enthusiasm for all things show biz.

So, what's his secret?

"Lots of plastic surgery!" he joked to Reuters. "No, it's a mystery to me. But I think it's good to be versatile nowadays and have a TV presence. I'm busier than ever, and I love it." Osmond's new movie, "College Road Trip" debuts in theaters this week with Donny in a supporting role opposite comedian Martin Lawrence. Osmond plays the nerdy father of a high school girl who has befriended the Lawrence character's daughter.

'The Insider'

Osmond also recently began cohosting "The Insider," a US television show that features entertainment news and interviews with film, TV and music stars.

More than four decades have passed since Donny and his four brothers began singing and dancing as a squeaky clean, All-American family act on "The Andy Williams Show." Three decades have gone by since he and his sister had their smash hit TV variety show, "Donny and Marie." In the years since, Donny has done a Broadway tour and game show host. Some efforts failed, others succeeded. But he has never stopped performing.

Osmond landed the "Insider" job after a strong reception as a reporter for US celebrity TV show "Entertainment Tonight," in late 2007 when Marie appeared on "Dancing with the Stars." On "Insider," he is a substitute for cohost Pat O'Brien who checked into a rehab facility in February.

He called his "College Road Trip" job an "unanticipated bonus" after performing on a music video, "White and Nerdy," with Weird Al Yankovic. Osmond said the director of "College Road Trip" called him about the role of the geeky dad.

Dorky character

Osmond said he was initially nervous on the set because he is not an actor. But "when everyone began laughing at my dorky character, I thought, 'Maybe this'll work!'" Osmond said.

"My whole life I've been known as 'Mr. White Bread,' so if the shoe fits, I say 'Wear it,'" he added.

He filmed his role in a two-week window between other jobs and admitted that "Yes, I can be a workaholic. But I try to balance it with a normal family life." The father of five boys still lives in the state in which he was raised, Utah, and he recently became a grandfather—"Again," he laughs. But he keeps his family life private.

Reuters

WHEN THE ECONOMY TAKES A DIVE

Film producers see bigger crowds



"GET SMART" showcases the comedic chemistry between Steve Carell and Anne Hathaway.



"SPEED RACER" stars Emile Hirsch.

"THE DARK KNIGHT" co-stars Christian Bale and Heath Ledger.

Research

Indicators

Great therapy

Classic Lenten movies recalled



POWELL: "Transcendental" portrayal in "Jesus of Nazareth."

Big stars

Special effects

Viewers need to 'vote' for life-affirming films



Contentious characters

Gift

Dramatic interaction

Viewer power

Jericho Rosales reinvents himself as a singer



KBP upholds viewers' right to untrammeled entertainment

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Concert Series



FORUM

Film buffs cite most inspiring viewing experiences

By [illegible]

FOR THE MOST PART, WE GO TO THE movies to be entertained and to escape from humdrum, everyday life. Once in a rare while, however, a movie comes along that manages not only to engage us, but to transport us to an even higher plane. These films linger in the mind and in the heart, and can sometimes even become catalysts for personal change. Here are some film lovers' most cherished movies.



"THE BALLAD OF NARAYAMA." Visions of human dignity, sacrifice and redemption.



"THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST." Supremely spiritual encounter with Jesus.

"The Ballad of Narayama" (1983 winner of the Cannes Golden Palm Prize) by Japanese director Shohei Imamura. In a small, poor village, there's a hard custom of dying people preparing to join the gods in the mountains. I was struck by the filmmaker's vision of human dignity, courage, sacrifice and redemption amidst unspeakable deprivation and pain. I was inspired and personally transformed by the characters portrayed by Imamura through his lenses, especially that of the son carrying his dying mother on his back, walking up the mountain and gently tucking her away to die in peace."—Marilou Diaz-Abaya, filmmaker

"The movie 'Braveheart' may be a bit too long and it has a depressing ending, but it is a passionate, powerful and visually beautiful film to watch. The sequence showing Mel Gibson preparing his army for battle by shouting his emotional speech to the fighting warriors in their blue face paint would inspire even a chicken to run to battle."—Reginald Villanueva, team leader

"'It's only in the mysterious equation of love that any logical reasons can be found.' That's from John Nash in 'A Beautiful Mind.' I think that movie is especially inspiring."—[illegible], singer, actress and TV host

"I've seen it only once, but the story emotions and thoughts it provoked remain etched in my mind. 'Artificial Intelligence (A.I.)' touched me in different ways. I can't forget David's quest for unconditional love—because, sometimes, it feels like everybody's on it as well."—[illegible], coach

"The most inspiring movie for me would be 'The Passion of Christ.' It reminds me of what our Lord Jesus Christ did for us."—[illegible]

"I find the movie 'Braveheart' appealing and inspiring at the same time, because it has all the ingredients of a complete movie. It is a simple love story that transforms into the epic saga of one man's complete struggle for freedom. Mel Gibson's character is an ordinary individual who slowly matures into an extraordinary hero and charismatic leader of multitudes. Truly inspiring!"—[illegible], corporate communications director

"I've got a whole bunch of films. Right now it's Oliver Stone's 'JFK.' The film, and particularly the director, was gutsy, skillful and relevant. It urged and moved Americans, specifically the youth, to demand and fight for the truth. It's a lesson for directors and viewers alike. I'd like to direct a film that moves a nation!"—[illegible], singer, actor and filmmaker



"A BEAUTIFUL MIND." Delves into the mysterious equation of love.